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HUNTINGDON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

REPORT

UPON THE SANITARY CONDITION

OF THE

BOROUGH OF HUNTINGDON

FOR THE YEAR 1917,

BY

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TO THE

HUNTINGDON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg leave to lay before you my Report as to the Sanitary Condition of your Borough during the year 1917.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

The births of children numbered 60, 34 males and 26 girls, 7 of these were illegitimate. The estimated population for Birth Rate being 4401, making an average of 15·1 per 1000 persons living, compared with 17·8 the Birth Rate of England and Wales.

The deaths of 20 males and 28 females belonging to the Borough were registered. The estimated population for Death Rate being 3948, this makes an average of 10·9 per 1000 persons living, compared with 14·4 for England and Wales.

Eight deaths occurred in persons of over 80 years of age.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

Three deaths occurred of children under one year of age, an average of 50·0 per 1000 births, all these deaths were due to non-preventable causes.

NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER DISEASES.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Thirteen cases of Pulmonary and other Tuberculous Diseases were notified, six of these were sent to Sanatoria, and received much benefit. Two deaths occurred during the year from these causes.

CANCER.

Ten cases of Cancer proved fatal during the year.

SCARLET FEVER.

Two cases of Scarlet Fever were notified and were removed to the Isolation Hospital.

ERYSIPELAS.

Two cases of Erysipelas were notified.

MEASLES.

Twenty-one cases of Measles were notified, no deaths occurred.

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ENTERIC FEVER.

One case of Enteric Fever was notified, insanitary conditions existed and were rectified.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

Two cases were notified.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

Measures for Maternity and Child Welfare are being undertaken by the Huntingdon and Godmanchester District Nursing Association with the assistance of the County Council.

FOOD SUPPLY.

Twenty-two samples of articles under the Food and Drugs Acts were sent for analysis. All were genuine, with the exception of Two Samples of Milk, both from the same Vendor, against whom proceedings were taken, both the cases were dismissed.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

When the war is over, I should like to see the Isolation Hospital put on a more satisfactory footing. At present it only receives two separate kinds of disease. If an arrangement could be effected between the Borough of Godmanchester and the Huntingdon Rural District Council, and some structural additions made, it would be a great advantage to the whole neighbourhood.

I append the Report of your Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Gillson.

I have the honour to remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

HERBERT LUCAS,

Medical Officer of Health,

Huntingdon Urban District Council.

HUNTINGDON,

May 30th, 1918.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Number of Inspections made	313
Number of Notices given (informal) ...	176
Number of Notices issued (Statutory) ...	8
Offensive Accumulations abated... ...	12
Number of Lodging Houses registered ...	0
Ditto Lodging Houses inspected ...	6
Licenced Slaughter Houses	5
Inspections ditto	14

OWEN GILLSON,

Sanitary Inspector.

Ten Years Table of Deaths from Cancer and Tubercular Diseases.

YEAR.	CANCER.	PHTHISIS AND TUBERCULAR DISEASE.
1908	4	6
1909	4	4
1910	6	9
1911	3	3
1912	11	3
1913	6	0
1914	9	7
1915	7	0
1916	8	8
1917	10	2
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